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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JULY 2, 1975:

MR. FUNSETH: I WOULD LIKE TO READ INTO THE RECORD THE
ANNOUNCEMENT I MADE AT NOON.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY A. KISSINGER AND THE MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR, A. A. GROMYKO, HAVE AGREED
TO MEET IN GENEVA ON JULY 10 AND 11, 1975, FOR AN EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO BOTH SIDES.

Q. WHERE ELSE IS THE SECRETARY OF STATE GOING ON THAT TRIP?

A. FOR THE PRESENT, THAT IS ALL I HAVE, BUT I MAY HAVE
SOMETHING MORE FOR YOU ON THAT LATER TODAY OR POSSIBLY
TOMORROW.

Q. YOU DON'T HAVE A RETURN DATE?

A. NO, I DON'T HAVE A RETURN DATE AS YET.

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Q. HOW LONG WILL THE TRIP BE IN ALL?

A. WELL, ON BACKGROUND, IF IT IS EXTENDED TO INCLUDE OTHER
STOPS, IT WILL JUST BE A FEW DAYS.

Q. WOULD YOU NARROW THE OTHER STOPS TO THE EUROPEAN CON-
TINENT?

A. ON BACKGROUND, YES.

Q. AND THOSE STOPS WOULD BE ON THE WAY BACK. GENEVA IS THE FIRST STOP.

A. YES, IT IS, ON BACKGROUND.

Q. SUPPOSE I GIVE YOU A CHECK LIST OF SUBJECTS TO COME UP, AND YOU CAN YES OR NO -- LIKE STARTING WITH THE MIDDLE EAST.

A. WELL, YOU KNOW, WHEN THEY MET IN VIENNA THEY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO MEET AGIN IN JULY AND THAT THEY WOULD BE REVIEWING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND OTHER SUBJECTS.

Q. ALL RIGHT. THAT IS A YES TO THE FIRST ONE. SALT TALKS?

A. I WOULD ASSUME THAT WITH A TWO-DAY MEETING THAT THE AGENDA IS RATHER ALL-INCLUSIVE.

Q. LET ME ASK YOU AS THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, THEN, WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MAIN TOPICS CURRENTLY GOING ON IN THE SOVIET-AMERICAN DIALOGUE?

A. I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY WHAT THEY SAID -- THE PURPOSE OF THEIR MEETING IS TO REVIEW THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND DISCUSS OTHER SUBJECTS.

Q. THAT IS NOT WHAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.

Q. THAT IS NOT WHAT THEY SAID AT ALL. "TOPICS OF MUTUAL UNCLASSIFIED

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INTEREST".

A. WELL, THAT'S THE SAME THING.

Q. WHO ELSE IS GOING FROM THE DEPARTMENT?

A. I DON'T HAVE THE OFFICIAL PARTY AS YET.

Q. DOES AMBASSADOR DINITZ PLAN TO MEET WITH JOE SISCO OR HAS HE MET WITH HIM?

A. HE HAS NOT MET WITH MR. SISCO, AND I CHECKED WITH MR. SISCO'S OFFICE AS WELL AS MR. ATHERTON'S OFFICE, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT AS YET BY AMBASSADOR DINITZ.

Q. ANY REQUEST FROM THEM TO SEE HIM?

A. FROM MR. SISCO AND MR. ATHERTON? NO.

Q. HOW MANY TIMES HAVE THEY TALKED ON THE PHONE IN THE
LAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS?

A. I DON'T KNOW. INGERSOLL

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